

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala	Robb Bourland	Bill Hughes
Lacy Kendall	Bedalia Valeds-Bovin	

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Ayala moved to approve the minutes as written, second from Council Member Valeds-Bovin, all were in favor.

Staff Reports:

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

- First 5 of San Bernardino will be holding a town hall meeting on March 30th at 330 N. “D” St., 5th Floor. First 5 would like to hear input from the community regarding the various programs and services they provide.
- Public Works replaced the street signs along Riverside Ave. that were vandalized by graffiti.
- Daren Kettle from SANBAG is scheduled to give a presentation at next month’s MAC meeting regarding the progress of the I-210.

San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) – Richard Monfils

- San Bernardino County is now sponsoring Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). The CERT program is an opportunity for volunteer citizens to receive basic emergency response training to assist in the event of a disaster. The training consists of light search and rescue, first aid and disaster psychology. The volunteers work with the Office of Emergency Services and their local CERT sub-council to organize efforts in and around each community. For information about CERT contact OES at (909) 356-3998.
- The CERT program consists of 20 hours of training and a commitment of approximately \$30 for various supplies such as flashlight, gloves, etc. The Office of Emergency Services will supply each volunteer with a backpack, hardhat and reflective vest.

Subcommittee – Code Enforcement

County Code Enforcement has appointed a new officer for the area.

Riverside Ave. Median

The El Rancho Verde MAC supports the formation of a county special district to fund future maintenance costs of the Riverside Ave. median project. Supervisor Gonzales has funded the initial landscaping construction but future costs to maintain the median would require the community’s financial support. The formation of a special district would allow the County to create a small tax to fund routine maintenance of the median. Chairman Bourland is asking for the community’s support to successfully complete the following 3 steps:

1. To initiate a special district election, the County Special Districts Dept. requires the mailing of a survey to gauge the community's support for a special district. To gain support for the survey, the MAC encouraged residents to speak with their neighbors and pass along information on the formation of the special district. The MAC members will organize the distribution of information to the various community liaisons.
2. The Special District survey will be mailed to the 500 homes within the proposed area. In order to recommend moving forward with a vote, Special Districts would like to see 50% of the residents return the survey and approximately 70% of the returned surveys in favor of the initiative.
3. If the Special Districts Dept. receives favorable support of the formation, it will move forward with a vote. 51% of voting property owners would have to vote in favor of the initiative to form a special district.

The survey will be mailed in early April to the property owners in the proposed area.

Council Member Ayala suggested that the community organize a day to go out into the area and encourage residents to support the special district initiative. Saturday, March 25, 2006 was set as the date for residents to meet at the Clubhouse and walk through the neighborhood encouraging others to support the formation of a special district.

Sheriff's Department – Captain John Powell and Detective Frank Root

Capt. Powell introduced himself as the new captain of the Fontana Sheriff's Station. His previous assignment was working on special taskforce projects out of Central Station in San Bernardino. Capt. Powell expressed his desire to learn more about the communities and work towards a more proactive approach to law enforcement. He also noted that the Fontana Station will be receiving several new deputies.

Residents expressed concerns regarding theft of mail in the area. Capt. Powell suggested that residents do not leave outgoing mail in their mailboxes overnight and preferably drop mail directly into USPS mailboxes. He reminded residents that identity theft is a growing threat and often times mail is stolen with the intent of using the information for fraudulent purposes.

Public Comment:

None

Action Items:

None

Member Reports:

Robb Bourland

No report

Joe Ayala

No report

Bill Hughes

No report

Lacy Kendall

No report

Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2006.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565